Joint patrolling in Jammu and Kashmir

*72. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U. S. Government offered any proposal for joint patrolling in the Jammu and Kashmir against the Al-Qaida;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any U.S. proposal is pending with Government for joint activity to combat terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

U.S. Efforts to cut through Indo-Pak war

*73. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether U. S. Government has been trying hard to cut through Indo-Pak war;

(b) if so, whether U.S.A. is already in contact with the U.K.. France and even Secretary General, UNO and China;

(c) if so, to what extent U.S.A. has taken steps to break the deadlock;

(d) whether they have made it clear that until and unless Pakistan stops border crossing and infiltration in practice the tension would continue: and

(e) to what extent U.S.A. has been able to reduce tension between India and Pakistan, so far ?